

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI: keywords [(1) interferomet+; quantum; beamsplit+, split+, divid+, coupl+, waveplate?; (2) interferomet+, beamsplit+, split+, divid+, frequenc+; qubit?]

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 2003/019283 A2 (UT-BATTELLE LLC) 6 March 2003 1 st & 2 nd paragraphs at page 9, "Quantum Channel For The Transmission of Information" (pages 26-32), figures 1, 8, 9	1, 3-8
X	US 6430345 B1 (DULTZ <i>et al.</i>) 6 August 2002 The whole document	1, 3-8
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